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Petition for 3 Month Extension and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to Paper Number 29

Sir,

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2003, in the abovecaptioned patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including October 11, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached herewith to cover the three month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3). It is believed that no additional fees are necessary with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2003 (the period for response to which has been extended up to and including October 11, 2003), please amend the abovecaptioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that incorporation of the amendments and consideration of the above remarks has placed this application in a condition for allowance. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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